

## **REPRESENTATIVE DRIEHAUS PRAISES OHIO'S SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR**

### ***Cincinnati Business Owner Recognized at White House Ceremony***

**WASHINGTON, DC**—Representative Steve Driehaus today applauded Edgar Smith, Jr., Chairman and CEO of World Pac Paper, LLC, who was named Ohio's Small Business Person of the Year as part of National Small Business Week. Rep. Driehaus joined the President at a White House ceremony honoring Mr. Smith along with other small business owners from across the country.

"I was happy to join the President today in recognizing Edgar Smith, Jr. for his accomplishments in Ohio as a small business owner. Small businesses are responsible for the majority of new jobs in this country, and Edgar has demonstrated tremendous drive and innovation even during difficult economic times. We're proud that greater Cincinnati has produced such an impressive leader in our business community," said Rep. Driehaus.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the economic well-being of America. As part of National Small Business Week, the SBA recognizes this special impact made by outstanding entrepreneurs and small business owners. In 2010, National Small Business Week will honor the estimated 27.2 million small businesses in America.

Small businesses are major contributors to the strength of the American economy. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business. They also create 60 to 80 percent of new jobs in the country.

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